Sri Mulka-GOVINDA REDDY.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that the buses belonging to S.R.M.S. are running in the City limits of Bangalore?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—If they have got special permits, they do it.

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—Was it an old bus or a new one?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—That is exactly the question under investigation.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY.—Was it overloaded?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—It is a matter under investigation, and it may be *sub judice* if I reveal anything at this stage.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY.—I think in the stage of investigation *sub judice* does not arise. This information could be given.

Mr. SPEAKER.—If the information is available, Hon'ble Minister will give it.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I have received the first report in the case. Investigation is proceeding. I have been stating these facts from the report I have received at the time the inquest proceedings took place.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that this bus was overloaded and it was going at a very fast speed?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—It is not right for me to make any statement because the matter is under investigation and First Information Report has been given to the Court.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY (But not taken-up)

Drainage and water supply scheme for Bellary.

Q.—692. Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY (Bagepalli-Gudibanda).

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether any schemes for water supply and drainage for Bellary town were prepared by them;

(*b*) if so, the estimate of each scheme;

(*c*) whether any of them was sanctioned;

(*d*) if so, when, and what is the stage of progress at which the work stands?

A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) to (*d*) A scheme for improving the existing water supply to Bellary at a cost of Rs. 1,45,000 has been sanctioned in December 1954. The outlay incurred up to 1st July 1956 is Rs. 82,072,

Another comprehensive scheme for supply of water to the Town from the Tungabhadra Low Level Canal at an approximate cost of Rs. 40 lakhs was proposed by the Municipal Council, Bellary, in August 1954. An estimate for Rs. 10,000 for conducting necessary surveys, etc., has been sanctioned during 1956-57. The survey work has been taken up and plans and estimates of the scheme are being prepared.

No scheme for drainage has been prepared at the present supply of water is found quite inadequate for the proper functioning of an underground drainage scheme.

Neera Consumption in K.G.F.

Q.—713. Sri Sydney A. THOMAS (Nominated).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any recent assurance was held out by the Hon'ble the Minister for Prohibition that the sale and consumption of 'neera' would be permitted in the Kolar Gold Field;

(*b*) the policy of the Government in this regard?

A.—Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Industries and Excise).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) The Government policy in this regard is to try to absorb ex-toddy tappers in the neera centres, after training them at the Kodaganur Palm Gur Centre and to organise these Centres on a Co-operative basis.